

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last full paragraph at page 8, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ball screw according to the invention that is depicted in Figure 9 comprises a spindle nut 2 arranged on a spindle 1 and balls 3, which are merely represented here by dashed lines. The balls 3 can roll on a thread path 4. The thread path 4 comprises a thread groove 5 formed on the spindle 1 and a thread groove 6 formed on the spindle nut 2. The spindle nut 1 is provided with a number of receptacles 7, arranged distributed over the circumference of the nut, for receiving deflecting pieces 8. Each deflecting piece comprises a deflecting channel 9 for the return of the balls 3 respectively from a run-out end 10 to a run-in end 11 of at least one common turn 12 of the thread path 4.